

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following new paragraph immediately following the title on page 1:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/982,578, filed October 16, 2001, which claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/241,197, filed October 17, 2000.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Figure 8 is a detailed view of cassette showing an installation guide groove and latching ramp. Figure 8A is a detail view of part of Figure 8.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Figure 9 is a detailed view of chassis showing the cassette installation guide rails and springs. Figure 9A is a detail view of part of Figure 9.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 29, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Figures 16A and 16B are an isometric view and a detail view, respectively, of the stacker mechanism in the fully retracted position. Figure 16C is a detail view of part of Figure 16B.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Figures 18A and 18B are isometric and detail views of the stacker mechanism in the fully extended position. Figure 18C is a detail view of part of Figure 18B.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Figure 23 shows a cut-away section of the cassette hinge illustrating how the door interlocks with the cassette shell. Figure 23A is a detail view of part of Figure 23.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Figure 24 illustrates an alternative method of securing the hinge using orbital riveting. Figure 24A is a detail view of part of Figure 24.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

--During typical operations, an empty cassette replaces a removed one. Inserting another cassette is also achieved in a simple manner. Referring to Figures 9, 10 and 11, the removable secure banknote cassette (3) is first approximately aligned with chassis guide rails (26) and then pushed home with sufficient force and stroke to overcome the resistance of the ejector spring (20) and the spring member (16) on the latching ramp (23) ~~(19)~~.